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TITLE: CUTTING TABLE AND CLAMP FOR USE THEREWITH

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111
RESTRICTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.143

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Responsive to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003, applicant requests favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendments and accompanying remarks.

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement of January 15, 2003, Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-3, 5, 13, 16, and 23-26. However, it is believed that, in view of the amendments below, an election is not required.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 5, 16, and 25 to read as follows:

1. [TWICE AMENDED] An apparatus for holding an item to be cut comprising:
 - (a) a table; and
 - (b) a clamp for holding the item, the clamp translating on the table from the front to the rear of the table and rotating on an axis perpendicular to the table such that the item held by the clamp rotates in 360 degrees.
5. [TWICE AMENDED] The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
 - (a) a mount;